

WI-172  
Mattie Blunt Tenant House  
Quantico  
Private

c. 1900

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## HISTORIC CONTEXT INFORMATION

Resource Name: Mattie Blunt Tenant House

MHT Inventory Number: WI-172

### MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA:

- 1) Historic Period Theme(s): ARCHITECTURE
- 2) Geographic Orientation: EASTERN SHORE
- 3) Chronological/Development Period(s):  
INDUSTRIAL-URBAN DOMINANCE (1870-1930)
- 4) Resource Type(s): Single-family dwelling

**Maryland Historical Trust  
State Historic Sites Inventory Form**

**MARYLAND INVENTORY OF  
HISTORIC PROPERTIES**

Survey No. WI-172

Magi No.

DOE \_\_\_yes \_\_\_no

**1. Name** (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common MATTIE BLUNT TENANT HOUSE

**2. Location**

street & number North side of old road bed of Main Street \_\_\_ not for publication

city, town Quantico \_\_\_ vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Wicomico

**3. Classification**

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
___ district	___ public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	___ agriculture	___ museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	___ unoccupied	___ commercial	___ park
___ structure	___ both	___ work in progress	___ educational	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
___ site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	___ entertainment	___ religious
___ object	___ in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	___ government	___ scientific
	___ being considered	___ yes: unrestricted	___ industrial	___ transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	___ no	___ military	___ other:

**4. Owner of Property** (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name

street & number telephone no.:

city, town state and zip code

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Wicomico County Clerk of Court liber

street & number Wicomico County Courthouse folio

city, town Salisbury state MD 21803

**6. Representation in Existing** Historical Surveys

title

date \_\_\_ federal \_\_\_ state \_\_\_ county \_\_\_ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

## 7. Description

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<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Mattie Blunt tenant house stands on the north side of a dirt lane that intersects Main Street on the southwest side of the village of Quantico, Wicomico County, Maryland. The two-story frame dwelling faces south with the gable roof oriented on an east/west axis.

Built around 1900, this two-story, four-bay, single-pile frame dwelling, supported on concrete block foundation, is clad in asbestos shingles over plain weatherboards, which are exposed under the shed roofed front porch. The steeply pitched roof with extended eaves is covered with asphalt shingles. Rising through the center of the house is a single-flue brick chimney finished with a corbelled cap.

The south (main) elevation is a symmetrical four-bay facade with two four-panel doors marking the outside bays and a pair of two-over-two sash windows in the center two positions. A turned post porch shelters the four openings. The second floor is pierced by a pair of two-over-two sash windows which occupy the same positions as the doorways on the first floor.

The gable ends are marked by single two-over-two sash windows on each floor, and a smaller two-over-two sash windows pierce the upper gable end. Attached to the back of the house is a single-story shed roofed kitchen.

The interior of the house is finished in a modest fashion with plaster walls, and plain board surrounds trim the windows and doors. Fixed in the northeast corner of the east room is an boxed stair. A board door and beaded board partition enclose the staircase.

Standing to the west of the house is a small gable-roofed frame outbuilding resting on ceramic cylinders and sheathed with flush laid horizontal board siding. The low pitched gable-front roof is covered with corrugated tin. Fixed in the center of the gable front wall is a narrow board door. While the structure was erected during the early twentieth century, some of the materials used were taken from other buildings.

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

### Specific dates

### Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D  
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

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This property should be classified under Category C, which signifies a building where alterations should be considered carefully: a structure adjoining a property classified in the A or B category and whose impact and potential modified impact as a contributor to the character of the district must be examined with considerable thought.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle scale \_\_\_\_\_

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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## 11. Form Prepared By

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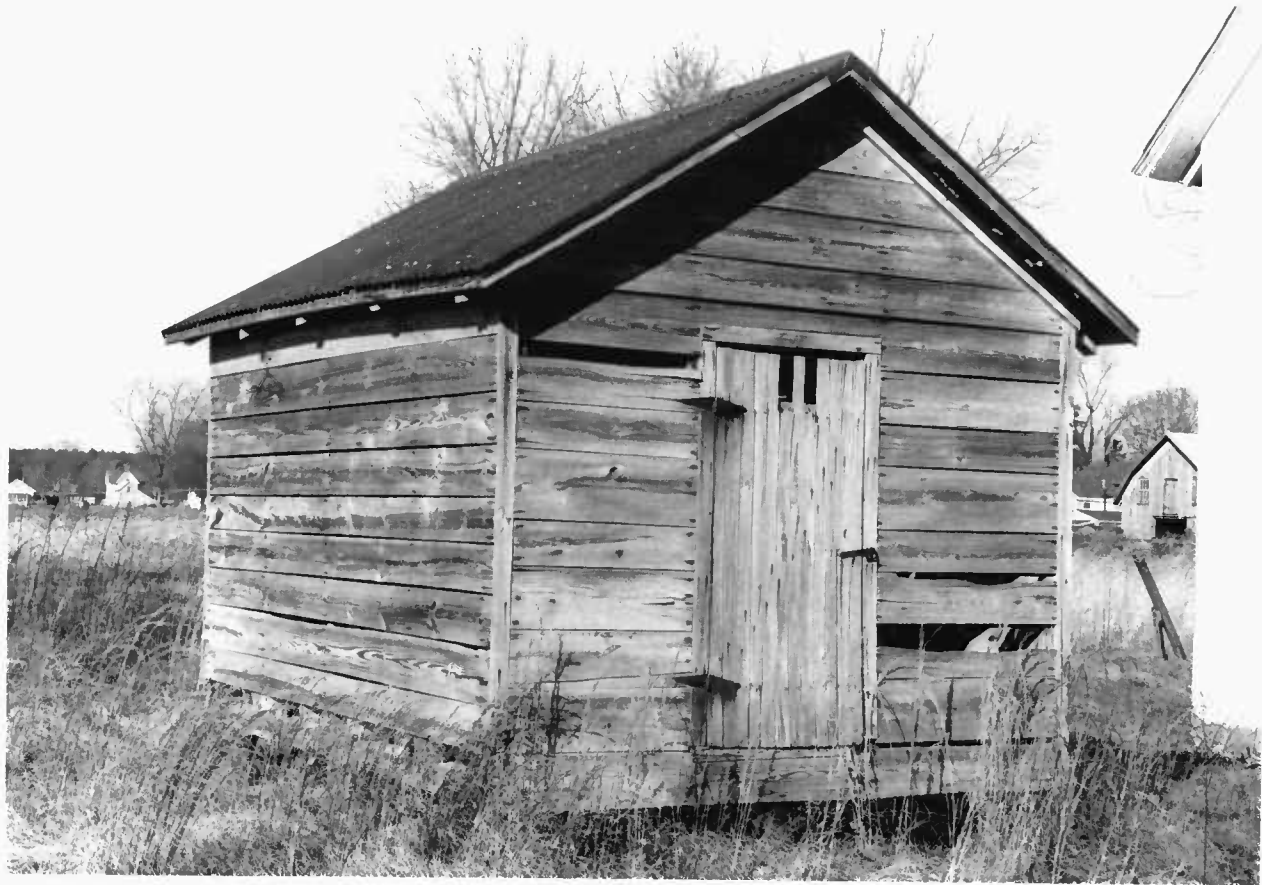
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Quantico, Wicomico Co., Maryland

Southwest elevation

10/92, Paul Touart, photographer

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Quantico, Wicomico Co., Maryland  
Outbuilding, southwest elevation  
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